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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Statement of Welcome to King Saud

I have had prepared for your possible use a statement of welcome when you meet King Saud at the airport at 12:00 noon on January 30.

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JOHN FOSTER DULLES

John Foster Dulles

Enclosure:

Suggested statement.

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January 30, 1957

Murray Snyder, Acting Press Secretary to the President
H. E. Abdullah Balkhair, Press Secretary to His Majesty

THE WHITE HOUSE

EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS BETWEEN
THE PRESIDENT AND KING SAUD OF
SAUDI ARABIA AT THE AIRPORT,
JANUARY 30, 1957

THE PRESIDENT:

Your Majesty, on behalf of the American people, I welcome you to this country. We recognize -- in you -- both a leader of the Arabian people and a custodian of those cities most sacred to Islam. It is an honor to have you here.

We were fortunate, in the United States, in calling your late father, His Majesty King Saud, our friend.

We are equally fortunate in calling you our friend. And I look forward with great expectation to the conversations we shall have here of problems important to both our countries because we value your friendship and we believe out of these conversations should come results to strengthen and re-affirm the friendships that we have with your country.

KING SAUD: (through interpreter)

I have the great pleasure to extend to Your Excellency and to the American people my deep gratitude and appreciation of this warm welcome. I am indeed happy to respond to Your Excellency's call to renew and to consolidate the traditional friendship between our peoples, the foundations of which were laid down by my late father.

On behalf of my people, I wish to assure Your Excellency of our desire to establish our relationship with the American people on the basis of amity and mutual interest. I look forward to this opportunity provided to me by my visit to undertake with Your Excellency and your government a discussion characterized by the same degree of complete frankness as indicated by Your Excellency.

May God the Almighty bestow upon us wisdom and sagacity and guide us all towards universal peace and goodwill.

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